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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

For the second regular session of 1997 of the Executive Board to be held at United Nations Headquarters from 18 to 19 March 1997

SUMMARY

The present document contains the annotated provisional agenda for the second regular session of 1997 of the Executive Board. The annex provides the proposed timetable and organization of work for the session.

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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the session: statements by the President of the Executive Board and the Executive Director

Introductory statements will be made by the President of the Executive Board and the Executive Director.

2. Adoption of the provisional agenda and timetable and organization of work
[FOR ACTION]

The provisional agenda has been structured in accordance with relevant Executive Board decisions, in particular the 1997 programme of work adopted by the Board at its third regular session in September 1996 (E/ICEF/1996/12/Rev.1, decision 1996/36). The annotated provisional agenda has been shared with Board members (CF/EB/1997/002). The timetable and organization of work are provided in the annex.

Draft decisions will be adopted as the discussion of each agenda item is concluded. However, if required, time will be set aside for Board members to consult informally on all outstanding draft decisions.

3. Elections:

(a) Executive Board representatives to the WHO/UNICEF/UNFPA Coordinating Committee on Health for the 1997-1998 biennium

At its first regular session in January, the Executive Board recommended that the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)/UNFPA Executive Board become a member of the UNICEF/WHO Joint Committee on Health Policy to be named the WHO/UNICEF/UNFPA Coordinating Committee on Health (E/ICEF/1997/12 (Part I), decision 1997/8). Similar action had already been taken by the Executive Boards of WHO (decision EB99.R.23 of 22 January 1997) and UNDP/UNFPA (decision 97/1 of 16 January 1997).

Under this agenda item, the Executive Board will elect representatives to the Coordinating Committee for the biennium 1997-1998 (1 January 1997-31 December 1998), comprising five members elected in their personal capacity and representing the five regional groups at the United Nations and five alternate members elected in their personal capacity from the same country as the members, bearing in mind the necessity for continuity. The President of the Board is an ex officio member of the Coordinating Committee.

(b) Executive Board representatives to the UNESCO/UNICEF Joint Committee on Education for the 1997-1998 biennium

There will be an election of Executive Board representatives to the UNESCO/UNICEF Joint Committee on Education for the biennium 1997-1998 (1 January 1997-31 December 1998), comprising five members elected in their personal capacity and representing the five regional groups at the United Nations and five alternate members elected in their personal capacity from the

same country as the members, bearing in mind the necessity for continuity. The President of the Board is an ex officio member of the Joint Committee.

4. Mid-term reviews and major evaluations of country programmes

[FOR INFORMATION - E/ICEF/1997/P/L.11-E/ICEF/1997/P/L.16)

These reports were prepared in response to Executive Board decision 1995/8 (E/ICEF/1995/9/Rev.1), adopted at its first regular session of 1995, in which the secretariat was requested to submit to the Board a summary of the outcome of mid-term reviews and major country programme evaluations, specifying, inter alia, the results achieved, lessons learned and the need for any adjustment in the country note.

The reports cover the following regions: Eastern and Southern Africa (E/ICEF/1997/P/L.11); West and Central Africa (E/ICEF/1997/P/L.12); the Americas and the Caribbean (E/ICEF/1997/P/L.13); East Asia and the Pacific (E/ICEF/1997/P/L.14); South Asia (E/ICEF/1997/P/L.15); and the Middle East and North Africa (E/ICEF/1997/P/L.16). They will be introduced by the respective UNICEF regional director. With a few exceptions, the mid-term reviews and major country programme evaluations described in the reports were conducted during 1996.

The Executive Board may wish to comment on the reports and provide guidance to the secretariat, as necessary.

5. Report of the Executive Director: Annual report to the Economic and Social Council

[FOR ACTION - E/ICEF/1997/10 (Part I)]

This report responds to Executive Board decision 1995/5 which sets out the format and contents of that part of the report of the Executive Director to the Board that also serves as the annual report to the Economic and Social Council.

It contains a section on measures taken in the implementation of the provisions of the triennial policy review of operational activities, most recently in General Assembly resolution 50/120 of 20 December 1995. Also included is a section on the designated theme for the high-level meeting of the operational activities segment of the Council. By its decision 1996/310 of 13 November 1996, the Council decided that in 1997 the high-level meeting should focus on follow-up to General Assembly resolution 50/227 of 24 May 1996 on funding of operational activities for development.

The document also reports on (a) follow-up to the major international conferences and summits, including implementation of their respective programmes of action, in response to Council resolution 1996/36 of 26 July 1996; and (b) strengthening collaboration between the United Nations development system and the Bretton Woods institutions, in response to Council resolution 1996/43 of 26 July 1996.

The Executive Board may wish to take note of this report and transmit it, along with its comments, to the 1997 substantive session of the Council.

6. Oral report on the Management Excellence Programme

At its third regular session in September 1996, the Executive Board requested the secretariat to present, inter alia, to its second regular session and annual session in 1997 an oral report, accompanied by a conference room paper (decision 1996/32).

Because there was little new substantive information to report on this subject between the first regular session and the present session, the secretariat requested, and received Board agreement, that a conference room paper not be submitted at the present session. A comprehensive report will be prepared for the 1997 annual session in June. After further consultation in connection with the first regular session, the secretariat indicated that it will also submit a conference room paper for the present session, albeit at a date close to the session.

7. 1997 UNICEF Maurice Pate Award

[FOR ACTION - E/ICEF/1997/9]

On the basis of the Bureau's examination of the nominations submitted, the Executive Director has made a recommendation for the recipient of the 1997 UNICEF Maurice Pate Award for Board approval.

8. Other matters

The Board may consider discussing any other issues that it finds timely and appropriate under this agenda item.

9. Closing of the session: remarks by the Executive Director and the President of the Executive Board

The Executive Director and the President will make concluding remarks, followed by the closure of the session.

Annex

PROPOSED TIMETABLE AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK FOR THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF 1997 OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, 18-19 MARCH 1997*

TUESDAY, 18 MARCH	a.m.	Item 1	Opening of the session: statements by the President of the Executive Board and the Executive Director
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WEDNESDAY, 19 MARCH	a.m.	Item 5	Report of the Executive Director: Annual report to the Economic and Social Council
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* When consideration of an agenda item concludes ahead of the allocated time, the next item on the agenda will be taken up for consideration and the timetable adjusted accordingly.